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DESCENDANTS OF SOLOMON LAINGSTON
OF LAURENS COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, S.C.
THROUGH HIS SON, BENNETT.

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A Word of Explanation

Only recently has much been done in tracing our Langston line. Mrs. Lola Langston Pence and Mrs. Bessie Foole Lamb have probably done more than anyone up to this time. With their work as a foundation, we have tried to trace out further the descendants of Bennett Langston. Family records taken from family Bibles, and facts learned from obituaries and from personal accounts have given us much material. A few of the older members of the family have kindly passed on to us first-hand accounts of the earlier members of the family, and traditions have been written down for the benefit of future generations.

We have made every effort to be accurate. It has taken almost four years of persistent search and correspondence to learn these facts. Pages have been written and rewritten as new facts have been furnished. Family records have varied at times, so we have followed that seemed the best sources.

We feel that every member of our family is entitled to know something of the origins of the Langston family. The writer groped for so long trying to learn these facts that he takes particular pleasure in passing them on to the other members of the family. Perhaps this history may serve as a letter of introduction to each of us. Many more facts, of course, could and possibly should have been given. We have faithfully written down what has been given to us, but more -- much more -- could be written if sufficient financial support were given and more time could be devoted to this study. We are grateful for the help which has been given, because without the kind assistance of so many of you, this record could never have been made. We urge you to continue the history in your own homes, tracing your lines carefully with each new generation. This record will be of increasing value and interest as the years go by.

Sincerely,

Carroll Langston, Minister

Williamsville, Illinois
March 28, 1942.

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Discussion of the Origin and Early Facts
Regarding the Langston Name
and Family

The earliest mention of the name Langston which we have found is that of Nicholas de Langston, a citizen of York, England, under the date of October 19, 1332. It seems that the name at that time was spelled "Langton," "Langeton," or "Langston." Later, the name crystallized into the spelling we now use, and has continued as such. In early colonial days, the name may possibly be found spelled "Lankston," "Lanction," or "Lancton." This was due in all probability to the fact that many early settlers were illiterate and the name was spelled according to sound.

To the best of our knowledge, the Langston family is of English origin. In "Surnames of the United Kingdom, Volume 1, by Henry Harrison (1912), we find the following:

Langston (English), Belonging to Langston --

- (1) Lang's Estate
Middle English -- ton
Old English -- tun
- (2) The Long Stone
Old English -- lang plus stan

In the cases where families are able to trace their origin back to Europe, every family so far traced points toward England and many have records to show that the family came from England. Some settlers came direct from England. Others seem to have migrated first to Scotland, Ireland, or both. The earliest mention of the Langston name in America, as far as we know, was that of Anthony Langston, an ensign in the royal navy, who arrived in America about 1643, and returned to England about 1662. Records show he owned 1300 acres in Gloucester County, Virginia, and 1000 acres in New Kent County. He took part in exploring the mountains and western parts of the new land into which the colonists were migrating. We also find mention of a John Langston who took part in Bacon's Rebellion. As a result, he was disqualified in 1680 from ever holding public office. He also had enormous holdings of land.

These are the earliest known mentions of the Langston name.

By the beginning of the 1700's, the Langston name became relatively common in America. Nearly all of them settled in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The name scarcely ever appears north of these colonies, and, in the census of 1790, only those three states had the name listed.

In the "James Sprunt Historical Publications," Vols. 9-13, we find an interesting explanation for this. In the chapter, "The Granville District -- Immigration into District," we find the following: "As has been mentioned before, Earl Granville showed some real interest in his Carolina estate for the first decade of its existence. He attempted to develop it and make not only a fortune from it, but also to create a thriving class of tenants. He induced the best immigrants to settle in his district. Large numbers of immigrants from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia settled the northern and western portions of his territory. The land was cheap and also easy to obtain at this time. In Pennsylvania, land was so dear that very few immigrants could settle there; and in Virginia laws against religious liberty were very unattractive and objectionable. Many people from these colonies, and also many from Ireland, coming by way of these colonies, finally settled in Granville's District." This Granville District was in northern North Carolina as nearly as we can ascertain. This information gives an interesting insight into the fact that so many Langstons in this country trace back originally to northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia. We have been unable to secure lists of passengers on early ships landing in this area, but many Langston families evidently landed or eventually settled in Nansemond County, Virginia, and within fifty to one hundred miles in each direction from this center. From this center, many present-day Langston families have radiated.

Early records show that many or most of these early Langstons were well-to-do planters. Although our evidence is not complete, the information we have points to the fact that many were Scotch-Irish. Some seem to have come direct from England. Records show that people in Scotland migrated to northern Ireland. They were industrious but greatly disliked by the natives, so they moved on after a time to America. Political conditions also hastened this migration.

We have searched through scores of old volumes to pick up these threads of information. Perhaps the data we have secured may furnish a beginning for others who can carry on the work. The old family records are mostly lost. It is exceedingly difficult to trace most families back beyond 1750, but from the location of the Langstons at that time, we feel safe in saying that our statements given above will be correct in a general way. Much remains to be done. Some of our inferences may be in error, but we are recording our findings as faithfully as we can. The early records are exceedingly hazy as far as the Langstons themselves are concerned.

The James Sprunt Publications mentioned previously say also that these early settlers radiated in all directions and settled in the back country.

We have striven to learn when our Solomon Langston came to America, where he landed, and how he came to Laurens County,

South Carolina. Those who could help us are long-since dead. Two historians in our family have accepted the statement of a Francis Langston of London, England, that our group is descended from a William Langston, Earl of Jersey. He is said to have been born in England, became a barrister, and was given a government position in England. He was said to have had a son, Joseph, and a grandson, John, who was the father of our Solomon. We have tried to substantiate this information, but in all humility and courtesy must state that no authentic information has been found to uphold this statement from Francis Langston. The Earl of Jersey went by the name of Villiers or de Villiers, and we have been unable to find a single one bearing the name of Langston. We say this not to detract from the fine work done by other historians, but only to correct an unnoticed error. We realize that this record of ours may contain many errors.

Solomon Langston and His Brothers

Through Bessie Poole Lamb's excellent book, "A Genealogical History of the Poole, Langston, Mason, and Kindred Families," we learn that Solomon Langston was born in Ireland in 1732. Family tradition in the Bennett Langston branch of the family says that the family lived in Scotland before coming to America. Evidently, since the name is English, the family migrated from England to Scotland, then to Ireland, then to America. Family tradition also said that there were two brothers who accompanied Solomon Langston. After long search, we have learned that one of these brothers was John Langston who settled in District 96, now Greenville, South Carolina. According to Miss Ethel Langston, Route 11, Springfield, Missouri, he was born in Ireland in 1715, but one D.A.R. record says it was 1710 in Scotland. He has many descendants in this country, some living in Orlando, Florida, and some in the vicinity of Springfield, Missouri.

Solomon's other brother has not yet been identified, but we feel that a Col. Washington Langston of Laurens County, South Carolina, may be the man. This is only a conjecture, but it will bear further investigation. This Washington Langston is said by descendants in this line to have had a son, Jechoniah. Jechoniah's descendants lived in Sangamon County, Illinois, and have scattered to a great extent to other parts of the United States. Col. Washington Langston is said to have served in the Revolutionary War. The other brother, John, lived in District 96, South Carolina, (as we have said), and served in Roebuck's Regiment during the Revolution.

Solomon Langston was born in Ireland in 1732 and came to America sometime before 1753, because he married Sarah Bennett of Greenville County, South Carolina, in that year. He came to Laurens County, South Carolina, and settled on Duncan Creek near the present site of the Langston Baptist Church. He was a man of middle age during the war and served for a short time actively. He ranked as lieutenant and served in the Spartan Regiment under Captain Wofford and General Williamson. Subsequently, he did commissary service. He was an ardent Whig and was ever ready with purse and influence to aid the cause of Liberty. They lived in a community in which the population was made up of both Tories and Whigs. He had relatives and friends on both sides. He was a man of comfortable circumstances, owning many slaves and farming many acres of land. Sale bills on file in the records of Laurens County show that he raised cotton, corn, tobacco, sheep, hogs, and cattle. Mention is made of his farms consisting of a thousand acres or more. He was a good Baptist and gave land for a church and cemetery which is still called "Langston Church." He was a minister. A copy of his will can be found in Bessie Poole Lamb's book.

Solomon Langston was born in Ireland in 1732 and died in 1825. He married Sarah Bennett in 1753. She was born in

1735 and died in 1810. Mrs. Lamb's book lists her three sisters and four brothers, but little is known of her family. The children born to Solomon and Sarah Bennett Langston are as follows:

1. James -- killed in the Revolutionary War.
2. Laodicea -- (Dicey) -- born 1759, died 1827.
One of the great Revolutionary War heroines.
3. Solomon, Jr.
4. Henry -- born June 23, 1769.
- 5. Bennett -- born June 14, 1777, died July 22, 1860.
6. Amy
7. Patty
8. Sarah
9. Selah
10. Mary

On Page 87 of Mrs. Lamb's book, a brief account is given of the daughters of Solomon Langston in addition to interesting data regarding Laodicea (Dicey). Dicey was one of the great heroines of the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Lamb's book, pages 75 to 87, tells some of her thrilling experiences and gives a list of many of her descendants. Our purpose in this history is to trace out the branchings of the Langston family through Solomon's son, Bennett.

Of the sons of Solomon Langston, James was killed during the Revolution by the British. Regarding him, Mrs. Lamb's book says, James Langston was active in the cause of Liberty, volunteering as a soldier early in the struggle. He was closely watched by his Tory neighbors and finally lost his life in an encounter with them, said to have been the Farrows in a house in which they hemmed him in. He had killed several of them in trying to make his escape. Elmer Langston of Greeley, Colorado, says that James had been wounded twice but had reached home. The attackers came, killed him, and threw him out of the upstairs window. It is also said he was ill of typhoid fever at the time of this battle. He was about seventeen years old at the time. This bit of information was told by James' brother, Bennett, to Ambrose Langston, the father of Elmer Langston, mentioned above.

Solomon Langston, Jr., married in Laurens County and reared a family, but no record of his descendants is available.

A very complete record of the descendants of Solomon's son, Henry, is to be found in Mrs. Lamb's book.

A separate section will be devoted to Bennett Langston.

Bennett Langston, the Son of Solomon

Bennett Langston, the son of Solomon and Sarah Bennett Langston, was born in Laurens County, South Carolina, June 14, 1777, and died in Indiana July 22, 1860. He married Mary Brown on April 7, 1796. Mary Brown was born January 10, 1778, and died March 21, 1852. She was the daughter of John and Sarah Weeks Brown. Mary Brown's sister, Pamela, married Edgehill -- Burnside, and their son was Ambrose Everett Burnside, the United States general in the Civil War. John Brown was born in Belfast, Ireland, and served in the Revolutionary War. Believing that slavery was wrong, Bennett Langston freed his slaves, sold his plantation, and moved to Indiana, where he settled near the present site of Liberty. We have not yet learned the exact date of his moving to Indiana, but we do know that his son, Hiram Bennett, was born in Union County, Indiana, August 29, 1813, so it occurred previous to this time. T. W. Langston of Indianapolis, Indiana, said Bennett had a big part in organizing the government of that part of the state where he settled. Bennett and his wife are buried in the old Baptist graveyard called Village Creek a few miles southeast of Connersville, Indiana. They had the following children:

1. James -- born April 7, 1797, died October 18, 1871.
2. John -- born 1799.
3. Henry -- born December 17, 1802, died March 24, 1881.
4. Matthew -- born January 31, 1805, died October 8, 1808.
5. Eliza Ann -- born March 3, 1807, died August 8, 1887.
6. Isaiah -- born August 21, 1800, died September 26, 1884.
7. Rebecca -- born November 8, 1811, died September 4, 1842.
8. Hiram Bennett -- born August 29, 1813, died June 17, 1888.
9. Mary Ann -- born June 7, 1816.
10. Emily -- born April 23, 1818, died December, 1850.
11. Henriette -- born October 19, 1820, died February 24, 1885.

The southern origin in our family is reflected in a division which took place before the Civil War. Elmer Langston of Greeley, Colorado, the son of Ambrose Langston, said he was told the following:

"James and John, Bennett's oldest sons, went 'out on the Wabash' a few years before the Civil War. The split was this way -- the question of secession was all the talk then and they having been raised in the South were in sympathy with the southern states, while Henry, the third son, had turned Union and Whig -- later Republican -- and then their father, Bennett, had become old and feeble and Henry was compelled to take him in as the older ones wouldn't. Well, he insisted on taking his southern newspapers which Henry objected to as his boys were big enough to read. So he told his father he was welcome in his home, but he must stop the rebel papers and it made the older ones angry with Henry."

Another difficulty, regarding Bennett's will, was a cause of ill will in the family. The younger sons of Bennett Langston favored the North while James and John were friendly to the South. Such situations were common in the turbulent days before the Civil War, and the descendants of these men have long since forgotten the heated disputes of those days.

Bennett Langston was a deeply religious man. Pages 145-147 in Mrs. Lamb's book gives a copy of one of his letters to his brother, Henry, and this devout nature is reflected in it.

Of his children, Mrs. Lamb's book gives a rather complete list of the descendants of James Langston, (pages 137-143). A booklet published by Mrs. Lola Langston Pence is the basis of Mrs. Lamb's account.

John, the son of Bennett, was born in 1799 and died in Kansas. Persistent searching has failed to bring any of his descendants into correspondence with us.

Matthew died as a small child, so there are no descendants from him.

Eliza Ann died in Union County. We know nothing more of her.

Rebecca married a McKee.

Mary Ann was born in Union County, Indiana, and died in Johnson County. She married a Mr. Freeman.

Emily was born in Union County and married a Mr. McKee.

We shall trace as fully as possible the descendants of Bennett Langston's sons, Henry, Isaiah, Hiram Bennett, and his daughter, Henrietta. It would be pleasant to know more of all of these early members of our family, but we are giving all that we have been able to glean from many sources.

Henry Langston, the Son of Bennett

Henry Langston, the son of Bennett and Mary Brown Langston, was born on December 17, 1802, and died March 11, 1881. He married Kezia Snowden on May 22, 1827. She was born on September 19, 1805, and was killed by a train at Raysville, Indiana, on August 30, 1885. They had the following children:

1. Edgar -- born April 7, 1831, died March 10, 1916.
2. Oscar -- born September 20, 1835, died November 12, 1876.
3. Mary H. -- born June 24, 1837, died December 11, 1898.
4. Emmett -- born February 24, 1839, died May 30, 1921.
5. Ambrose -- born September 15, 1842, died March 16, 1923.
6. John Q. -- born March 13, 1845, died September 1, 1920.
7. Roxanna -- born August 14, 1846, died 1930.
8. Anna Caroline -- born May 30, 1849, died February 17, 1911.

Elmer Langston of Greeley, Colorado, says that a daughter, Mariah, was the first child, but died before reaching womanhood. He also says two other children died young.

Mrs. Dellainters, a granddaughter of Henry Langston, was about twelve years old when he died. She remembers him well, and says of him, "Grandpa Langston was sort of stocky-built, not so much flesh, but rather stocky. He was not as tall as Uncle John and Uncle Emmett. Ambrose was built more like him. He had dark eyes. The tall ones take after Grandma. She was tall and slim and had blue eyes. I don't know if he ever was in the war, but I think not." She says he was a very stern man. We have heard from some source that we can not now recall, that he was a justice of the peace for many years. His wife was a modest, good woman. It is thought that she came from Union County, Indiana. Henry Langston died in Henry County, Indiana.

Descendants of Henry Langston,
the Son of Bennett

I. Edgar Langston, the son of Henry and Kezia Snowden Langston, was born April 7, 1832, and died March 10, 1916. He was a medical doctor. According to his niece, Mrs. Della Winters, he was not a very large man. He had blue eyes. His first wife was Deborah Oldham. She was born September 18, 1834, and died February 6, 1868. To them were born:

1. Florence Isadore -- born September 26, 1857, died October 1, 1890.
2. Ida Ann -- born February 22, 1860, died February 26, 1932.
3. Charles S. -- born July 3, 1862.
4. Emma Jane -- born March 12, 1865.
5. Edgar Everett -- born November 11, 1867.

His second wife was Lucetta Hughes. She was born January 24, 1841, and died January 22, 1918. Their children:

1. John -- born January 15, 1870.
2. Alice -- born November 11, 1871, died October 16, 1872.
3. Alfred -- born April 15, 1873.
4. Laura -- born February 13, 1875, died January 30, 1897.
5. Roscoe Franklin -- born March 13, 1877, died May 4, 1939.
6. Lorena -- born December 1, 1879.
7. William Henry -- born March 25, 1885, died April 10, 1885.

A. Florence Isadore Langston, the daughter of Edgar and Deborah Oldham Langston, was born September 26, 1857, probably in Grant County, Indiana, and died October 1, 1890. She is buried in the Knox Chapel Cemetery east of Leisure, Indiana. She married Edward Fry Underriner, the son of Charles and Ellen Underriner. He was born May 13, 1852, and died January 7, 1914, at 10 P.M. He also is buried in the Knox Chapel Cemetery east of Leisure, Indiana. He was a carpenter. The following is a list of the children:

1. Ernest -- born September 9, 1883, died April 22, 1890.
Buried in Knox Chapel Cemetery.
2. Minnie -- born May 13, 1885, died November 30, 1893.
Buried in Knox Chapel Cemetery.
3. Carl -- born February 3, 1888, in Madison County, Indiana. He married Gertrude DeLong on April 29, 1916, at Louisville, Kentucky. She was born April 24, 1897, in Elwood, Indiana. Carl graduated from the grade school. He is a painter and paper hanger by trade. He entered army service in 1917, and was stationed at Camp Sheridan at Montgomery, Alabama. On October 31, 1918, he received a certificate as second cook. When he entered the army, he

was given the middle name of Er. Born to Carl and Gertrude DeLong Underminer were:

- (1) Bonnie -- born July 19, 1920, on Route 2, Elwood, Indiana, two miles east and one-half mile south of Elwood. She graduated from Frankton, Indiana, High School on April 24, 1939.
- (2) Edward Eugene -- born February 19, 1935, in Pipe Creek Township, Madison County, Indiana, two and one-half miles northeast of Elwood.

B. Ida Ann Langston, the daughter of Edgar and Deborah Oldham Langston, was born February 22, 1860, and died February 26, 1932. She married Joseph Hannah on August 22, 1878. To them were born:

1. Bertha -- born March 24, 1880. She married Michael Gavin on October 10, 1905. To them were born:
 - (1) Ernest -- born July 12, 1905. He married Dorothy John on December 15, 1928. Their children:
 - (a) Richard Lee -- born December 12, 1931
 - (b) Robert Joe -- born April 22, 1933.
 - (2) Harriet E. -- born March 31, 1910.
 - (3) Ilene -- born July 12, 1915.
2. Clarence E. -- born August 6, 1881. He married Jessie Leer on November 3, 1915. Their children:
 - (1) Imogene -- born October 8, 1916. She married William Bade on February 27, 1939. Born to them:
 - (a) William Stephen -- born August 16, 1941.
 - (2) Jeanette -- born October 24, 1918.
3. Ollie -- born October 2, 1883, and died August 13, 1941. She married Roy Tolle on April 15, 1901. Their children are:
 - (1) Francis -- born May 26, 1904, died November, 1906.
 - (2) Pauline -- born December 15, 1908. She married Howard Hutchinson on March 17, 1927. To them was born:
 - (a) Murrel Jean -- born January 8,
4. Herman -- born July 20, 1887.
5. Ada -- born November 27, 1889. She married Joe Reed on January 8, 1910. To them was born:
 - (1) Esther Ellen -- born February 2, 1926.
6. Hazel Florence -- born November 1, 1892. She married Roy Conway on January 16, 1913. Their children:
 - (1) Joan -- born April 7, 1914. She married Robert Wisler on June 26, 1937. To them was born:
 - (a) Jerry Linn -- born October 3, 1940.
 - (2) Madonna -- born March 23, 1918. She married George Dennis on October 25, 1941.
 - (3) Warren Quinten -- born November 13, 1921.
7. Bonnie -- born November 23, 1894, died in infancy.
8. Wayne -- born November 21, 1898, died in infancy.

C. Charles S. Langston, the son of Edgar and Deborah Oldham Langston, was born July 3, 1862. He was not married.

D. Emma Jane Langston, the daughter of Edgar and Deborah Oldham Langston, was born March 12, 1865. She married Moré Foster. To them was born:

1. Fern -- married Kenneth Dale. To them was born:

(1) Lova -- born June 29, 1912. She married Edward Crouch on October 1, 1933. To them were born:

(a) Laveda -- born April 4, 1937.

(b) Leketta -- born April 11, 1940.

Mrs. Fern Dale lives on Route 4, Elwood, Indiana.

E. Edgar E. Langston, the son of Edgar and Deborah Oldham Langston, was born November 11, 1867, in Grant County, Indiana. He has been a farmer and now lives at Windfall, Indiana. He has blue eyes and weighs about 180 pounds. He married Minnie Conway on March 2, 1895. She was born in Tipton County, Indiana, on December 1, 1869, and died June 19, 1929. There were three children:

1. Ferris Victor -- born November 3, 1902, in Grant County, Indiana, and died May 16, 1929, in the Crile Clinic disaster at Cleveland, Ohio. He had an A.B. degree from Indiana University, and also a Doctor of Medicine degree, and was specializing in Eyes, Ears, Nose, and Throat at Crile Clinic. He had blue eyes, light brown curly hair, was short and rather heavy.

2. Faye -- born December 1, 1908, in Grant County, Indiana. She graduated from Windfall, Indiana, High School in 1926. She has blond hair, blue eyes, and light complexion. She weighs 158 pounds. She married Alton B. Heath on August 17, 1927. He is an insurance agent. They are members of the Windfall Christian Church, and their residence is in Windfall. They have one son:

(1) Boyd Alton -- born March 21, 1929, at Elwood, Indiana. He has blond hair, blue eyes, weighs 85 pounds, and his height is 4 feet 9½ inches. He is in the seventh grade and a member of the Windfall Christian Church.

3. Maxine -- born February 16, 1915, in Howard County, Indiana. She graduated from Windfall High School in 1932. She has brown hair, brown eyes, and weighs 130 pounds. She is a member of the Hobbs Christian Church. On May 1, 1931, she married Hershell Trimble. He is a farmer and the family lives on a farm on Route 4, Tipton, Indiana. The children are:

- (1) Hershell Arlen -- born March 14, 1934, at Elwood, Indiana. Died at birth.
- (2) Merrill Keith -- born March 28, 1936, at Elwood, Indiana. He has black hair and blue eyes.
- (3) Michael Joe -- born August 31, 1939, at Elwood, Indiana. Has blond hair, blue eyes, and light complexion.
- (4) Beth Arleen -- born February 28, 1941, at Elwood, Indiana. Has black hair and blue eyes.

F. John Langston, the son of Edgar and Lucetta Hughes Langston, was born in Grant County, Indiana, on January 13, 1870. On March 13, 1895, he married Ora Belle Lawson. She was born December 5, 1875, and died December 1, 1918. John is a farmer and his present residence is Route 1, Elwood, Indiana. He is a deeply religious man and has been active in the Christian Church for many years. He has a light complexion, has blue eyes, and weighs about 170 pounds. His wife's hair was dark red, she had blue eyes, a fair complexion, and weighed 185 pounds. There were four daughters:

1. Vedah -- born October 10, 1895, in Grant County, Indiana. She married Wayne Downs on February 15, 1914. He was born December 25, 1892. He works for the Sinclair Oil Company. Their present address is 218 West Tenth Street, Anderson, Indiana. Vedah has light brown hair and weighs 168 pounds. Her husband has sandy hair and blue eyes and weighs 150 pounds. They have one son

- (1) Victor Eugene -- born April 9, 1915, in Madison County, Indiana. He has red hair, light complexion, and weighs 168 pounds. He operates an accessories shop at Pendleton, Indiana. He married Eileen Clem June 17, 1939. She was born May 30, 1916. She has light brown hair, dark complexion, and weighs 140 pounds. They have

- (a) Sandra Sue -- born January 6, 1942. She has a light complexion, and sandy hair. She weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. when born. The present address of the family is Pendleton, Indiana.

2. Mildred -- born March 21, 1904, in Grant County, Indiana. She is blonde and weighs 215 pounds. Her present address is New Lancaster, Route 5, Elwood, Indiana. She married Everett Tranbarger on August 31, 1923. He was born November 4, 1901, in Tipton County, Indiana. He is a school teacher. To them were born:

- (1) Joyce Ann -- born November 4, 1927, died November 10, 1927.

(2) Darle Lou -- born August 8, 1930, in Madison County, Indiana. She is blond and weighs 165 pounds.

3. Nell -- born September 5, 1907, in Grant County, Indiana. She is blond and weighs 155 pounds. She married Harold Waymire August 1, 1926. He was born February 25, 1906, in Grant County, Indiana. He has black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, and weighs 180 pounds. He is a farmer. Their address is Route 1, Fairmount, Indiana, on the old Langston homestead. There are two sons:

(1) Kyle B. -- born December 1, 1939, in Madison County, Indiana. He is blond, has blue eyes, weighs 90 pounds.

(2) Von Lee -- born April 20, 1931, in Grant County, Indiana. He has black hair, dark complexion, brown eyes, and weighs 65 pounds.

4. Eileen -- born October 14, 1913. She is blond and weighs 150 pounds. She married Charles Cooper on October 16, 1938. He was born May 17, 1913, in Elwood, Indiana. He is blond and weighs 135 pounds. He is engaged in transfer business and at the tomato factory. Their present address is 1821 South B Street, Elwood, Indiana. They have one son:

(1) David Charles -- born May 20, 1940, in Elwood, Indiana.

G. Roscoe Franklin Langston, the son of Edgar and Lucetta Hughes Langston, was born in Green Township, Grant County, Indiana, on March 13, 1877, and died at Elwood, Indiana, on May 4, 1939. He had blue eyes and light hair, and was known as "Big Frank" to distinguish him from the writer's father (Oscar Francis Langston, also called Frank). Most of his life was spent in Grant County, Indiana. On December 30, 1905, he married Lillie Alice Lawson, the ceremony being performed by a minister named Hammer Ellis of Phlox, Indiana. She was born in Union Township, Howard County, Indiana, on May 2, 1881. She has brown eyes and auburn hair. No children were born to this union. They bought Frank's father's home place in 1917 and lived there until he became ill. They moved to Elwood on December 3, 1936, and he died on May 4, 1939. Regarding him, his wife says, "I know that he was one of the best men that ever lived. It will soon be three years and I miss him just as much as at first. It never has seemed home since he was taken."

H. Lorena Langston, the daughter of Edgar and Lucetta Hughes Langston, was born December 1, 1879. She married Howard Beher on October 15, 1898. She was known as "Rene" or "Rena." There was one son:

1. Merrill -- He married May Carr on October 30, 1937. They have one daughter:

(1) Marilyn -- born July 19, 1938.

II. Oscar Langston, the son of Henry and Kezia Snowden Langston, was born September 20, 1835, and died November 12, 1876. He married Sarah Frances Meyers about 1860. She was born October 21, 1839, and died July 21, 1880. They had seven children:

1. Thomas Wilbey -- born December 5, 1861, died September 14, 1939.
2. William -- died young
3. Milton Herndon -- born April 13, 1866, died 1888.
4. Ada Adella -- born May 21, 1869.
5. Keturah -- died young.
6. Dora -- died young.
7. Oscar Francis -- born February 14, 1877, died November 13, 1938.

According to his daughter, Della, (Ada Adella), he suffered sunstroke while working on the roof of the barn he was building for a Mr. Frame near Rushville, Indiana. In 1940, this barn was still standing. She goes on to say, "He never was well afterwards, but got better and on Sunday was much better. I remember this so well -- my mother warmed a big bread board for him to put his feet on to keep them warm, and I'd sit on it and he would move me around on it. That night he became worse. My mother got up to turn him over and saw death had struck him. It was apoplexy that killed him. He was very fleshy and not so tall. He had coal black hair. He was a carpenter and also a brick mason and quite a gardener. He could turn his hand to most anything (and they tell me my mother never allowed anyone to beat her at anything). The last thing my father ever did was to vote the Republican ticket a few days before he died. I can see them yet putting him in the carriage on a feather bed to take him. He belonged to the Universalist Church and I remember going with him in a spring wagon to Dublin, Indiana, to church once and how it did rain on us! My mother didn't want to go very much but said she would go and made the remark it may be the last place to go with him. It was, and she was glad she went. She was a Methodist but was immersed. She believed in the running water, I remember that. They tell me that there was no better woman ever lived. They both were very congenial and always welcomed everyone and were full of fun. He played the violin quite a bit. They

were both very jolly at all times. When my mother got up to turn him over, she saw death had struck him, but he put distance to flight (as his obituary says) and selected the verse and chapter and who was to preach his funeral. His name was Brooks. He told my mother to do the best she could to raise the children, especially his little curly-headed girl (that was myself) as I was the only girl living."

Quoting from a passage in the obituary written by W. C. Brooks, we find the following words which testify to the fine character of Oscar Langston:

"Oscar Langston, born September 20, 1835, ... died November 12, 1876, at the age of forty years at his residence in Rush County, Indiana. Cut down in the prime of his life, he left a wife and four children and an aged and most estimable father and mother, brothers and sisters, and many friends to mourn his untimely departure ... few, if any, could be found with more high sustaining faith and hope than Brother Oscar Langston. Rarely can there be found those of any Christian profession whose life was in more simple, truthful, beautiful ways conformed to the Divine Pattern."

A. Thomas Wildey, the son of Oscar and Sarah Frances Meyers, was born December 5, 1861, and died in Indianapolis, Indiana, on September 14, 1959. Early in life, he taught school. Later, he served for many years as a railway mail clerk, retiring on pension. His first wife was Elizabeth Alsman. The second was Mary Blacklidge Coffin. At the time of his death, his residence was at 2047 Park Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

B. Ada Adella Langston (Della), the daughter of Oscar and Sarah Frances Meyers Langston, was born May 21, 1869, near Rushville, Indiana. She married John Leisure March 25, 1891. He was born July 8, 1867, at Rushville, Indiana, and died July 4, 1901. She married her second husband, John R. Winters, on July 26, 1904. He was born at Steubenville, Ohio, December 3, 1865, and died March 31, 1931. She had three children by her first marriage:

1. Carrie Lavon Leisure -- born June 23, 1893.
2. William Chase Leisure -- born March 13, 1895.
3. Helen Frances Leisure -- born February 6, 1899.

Della Langston Winters is the last living member of her father's family. In younger life, she had long, black hair. Her eyes are dark and she is a bundle of energy. She has borne great sorrows without bitterness, and she

has done more than anyone will ever know in helping friends and relatives in their afflictions. We are indebted to her for many of the bits of information in our Langston history. She is sharp in her criticisms when she feels one is in the wrong. She is a devoted and patient mother. She is about five feet six inches tall. She was more than a mother to her orphaned brother, Frank (Oscar Francis). He was endlessly grateful for her kindness to him in his early manhood. We have the following facts concerning her descendants:

1. Carrie Lavon Leisure, the daughter of John and Della Langston Leisure, was born June 23, 1895, near Rushville, Indiana. She married Adam Sauers on February 15, 1913. He was born May 15, 1883, at Hessen, Darmstadt, Germany. As we recall it, they were married at Pekin, Illinois, but moved later to Springfield, Ohio. They had the following children:

- (1) John Lowell -- born March 2, 1914, at Pekin, Illinois. He married Leora Jobe, January 19, 1934. She was born July 20, 1917, in Galesburg, Illinois. Both graduated from Lawrenceville, Ohio, High School May 15, 1933. To them was born

- (a) Lowell Dean -- born September 17, 1940, at Springfield, Ohio

- (2) Pauline Frances -- born September 19, 1916, at Rushville, Indiana. She married Eugene F. Johnson on December 26, 1937. Eugene was born October 19, 1915, at Enon, Ohio. She graduated from Lawrenceville, Ohio, High School May 15, 1935, and Springfield Business College in June 1936. He graduated from Enon, Ohio, High School in May, 1934. Their children:

- (a) Donald Eugene -- born October 18, 1938, at Springfield, Ohio

- (b) Janet Elaine -- born June 20, 1941.

- (3) Leoma Mildred -- born August 9, 1920, at Springfield, Ohio. She graduated from Lawrenceville, Ohio, High School May 15, 1940.

2. William Chase Leisure, the son of John and Della Langston Leisure, was born March 13, 1895, near Rushville, Indiana. He married Estella Rehm on February 15, 1916. She was born August 26, 1895, at Schumm, Ohio. To them was born:

(1) Gene William -- born March 11, 1918, at Springfield, Ohio. He married Betty Jean Thomas on December 29, 1959. She was born at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Both graduated from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, High School in June, 1938.

3. Helen Frances Leisure, the daughter of John and Della Langston Leisure, was born February 6, 1899, near Rushville, Indiana. She married Alvin W. McGregor on September 6, 1919. He was born October 21, 1898, at Springfield, Ohio. To them was born:

(1) Betty Maxine -- born September 1, 1920, at Springfield, Ohio. She graduated from Springfield, Ohio, High School in June, 1938, and graduated from Wittenberg College.

C. Oscar Francis (Frank) Langston, the son of Oscar and Sarah Frances Meyers Langston, was born at Rushville, Indiana, on February 14, 1877, and died November 13, 1938, while on a hunting trip near Rantoul, Illinois. Death was due to heart trouble which had continued since 1923. His father died in November before his birth in February, so he never saw his own father. His mother died when he was three years old, so he suffered all the disadvantages of being an orphan. His boyhood was especially unhappy and he told how he did not know the difference between a nickel and a dime when he was fourteen years old. He had about the equivalent of an eighth grade education. In early manhood and until his marriage, he stayed with his sister, Mrs. Della Leisure, (later Winters). On December 24, 1902, he married Olive Myrtle Spencer of Kaysville, Indiana.

She was born May 4, 1885, at Kennard, Indiana, the daughter of Charles B. and Ruth Stambro Spencer. Her father was born February 28, 1855, and died January 5, 1941. Her mother was born February 20, 1856, and died when she was still about two years old. As a result, she spent several years in an orphan's home until the second marriage of her father. She often mentioned the cruel treatment given the orphans at the home where she stayed until she was about seven years old.

Frank Langston was about five feet six inches tall, had black hair and dark brown eyes. Due to the after-effects of measles when about twenty-one years old, he had to wear very strong glasses, but this only slightly affected his unusual shooting ability as a hunter. He loved no sports so much as hunting, trapping, and fishing, and as death struck him, he was making his way through a cornfield with his gun on the alert. He fell face foremost, gun in his hands, and never moved. His body was found a few hours later.

He loved pets of all kinds. The writer can remember few times when he did not have one to five dogs. He raised gold fish, rabbits, goats, chickens, cats -- any kind of pets or livestock he could manage to raise and care for.

He was a practical joker and delighted in playing good-natured pranks on others. He enjoyed pranks played on him just as immensely. He was a natural-born story teller and memories of the stories of his escapades are still fresh in our minds.

He was deeply devoted to his family. Although he was strict and stern in disciplining his children, he was also gentle and very considerate. He said he had been mercilessly punished so many times as an orphan boy that he wanted to use physical punishment only in extreme cases. He was unselfish and willingly sacrificed much that his children might have a good education and the necessities of life.

His love for his wife was undying. Even right up to the last days of his life, they were like newlyweds in their love-making. He was intensely sympathetic and wept if she wept. They never quarrelled. One of them always remained in good humor if the other felt out of sorts. No couple could have been more ideally mated. We have never seen any couple with more unselfish devotion to each other.

The writer's earliest memories are of life on a farm or in the edge of Raysville, Indiana. Sunstroke made farm work unbearable to Frank, so he moved to Pekin, Illinois, on February 26, 1909, where factory work was available.

Down through the years, this couple was dogged by unemployment and sickness. Both of them were worriers and this made matters seem even worse at times. When Frank's health gave way in 1922 and 1923, they moved to Urbana, Illinois, to be with their son who was a student in the University of Illinois. There, with his wife's work and son's help, a reasonably good living was assured. Chiropractic adjustments so much improved the condition of his heart that he, too, went back to work.

The depression years (1929-1938) were especially difficult. With his wife almost always in poor health, and with little work, he relied almost entirely on his daughter's help.

He became a member of the First Baptist Church in Pekin, Illinois, about Easter, 1912, when both he and his

wife were baptized. She had previously been a Quaker. In March, 1923, they became members of the Webber Street Church of Christ in Urbana, Illinois, and were members there until their deaths except for a period of about two years when their membership was at Homer, Illinois, in the Church of Christ there.

He was about five feet six inches tall, weighed about 170 pounds at his death, and tended to be stocky. He was unusually wiry and powerful for his size before his health failed in 1932.

He was dark complexioned, had black hair, and usually wore a mustache. He never knew a stranger. His step was quick, and he loved to talk with people. He was a hard worker, and was a laborer all his life. His eyes were brown.

He volunteered for service in the Spanish-American war but was rejected because of his bad eyesight.

His wife, Myrtle, was probably about five feet four inches tall. When she was married, she weighed 96 pounds and before her last period of illness came upon her late in 1932, her weight was about 145 to 150 pounds. She was light complexioned, had gray eyes, and had straight auburn hair just like her son and her granddaughter, Helen Langston. This hair just wouldn't stay curled or be trained, and it was silky in its fineness. Her flesh was very easily bruised. She was a patient, unselfish mother, strict but kind. She was an excellent seamstress and a good cook. She had the equivalent of a seventh grade education. After 1932, she almost died of stomach ulcers. A pocket formed near her heart which caused much trouble, since it would catch her food and it later would be thrown up, rather than entering the stomach. Her heart was affected by this and in the months immediately preceding her death, she had terrifying smothering spells, and her death on July 27, 1940, was the result of one of them. She passed away at the Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois. She and her husband are buried in the Memorial Cemetery in the east part of Urbana near the armory building. Their graves are in the extreme northwest corner of the cemetery. They had three children:

1. Carroll Spencer -- born October 13, 1903.
2. Opal Ruth -- born March 3, 1905, died March 24, 1905.
3. Delphina Irena -- born April 5, 1907.

1. Carroll Spencer Langston, the son of Oscar Francis and Olive Myrtle Spencer Langston, was born in Elwood, Indiana, on October 13, 1903. Three weeks later, his parents moved to a farm. When he was about two years old, they moved into the vicinity of Knightstown, Indiana. Part of the time, they lived about three miles west of that place on Weeks' place. Later they lived in Raysville, Indiana. Times were hard, and there was a promise of work at Pekin, Illinois, where Mrs. Della Winters, his father's sister, had recently moved. On February 26, 1909 (if we were correctly informed), the family moved to Pekin, Illinois, establishing residence at 407 Illinois Street. In September, 1909, Carroll entered the Lincoln School in Pekin. He graduated from Pekin High School on June 9, 1921. He entered the University of Illinois in September, 1921, and attended there two years. On October 1, 1922, he confessed his faith in Christ, and on October 3, 1922, was immersed at the Webber Street Church of Christ in Urbana, Illinois. In April, 1923, he dedicated his life to the ministry. He had enrolled in the university as a pre-legal student, but upon deciding upon entering the ministry, he enrolled in Johnson Bible College of Kimberlin Heights, Tennessee, in September, 1923, and graduated there with an A.B. degree on May 24, 1926. He was ordained to the ministry at the Webber Street Church of Christ in Urbana, Illinois, on May 25, 1924. During his three years at Johnson Bible College, he taught two classes of high school Latin to help pay his way in the college. In September, 1926, he re-entered the University of Illinois as a junior and graduated August 11, 1928, with an A.B. degree. His seven years in college represented over 200 semester hours of undergraduate work, and he had full majors in Bible, Greek, and French.

He served as paper carrier for six years; clerk in Frey's five-and-ten cent store in Pekin; baker in the A. & E. Bakery in Pekin; pinboy in the Arcade Bowling Alley in Champaign, Illinois; student janitor at the University of Illinois; salesman for the "Circle of Knowledge," an excellent one-volume reference book, for six summers and one whole year. He met his future wife, Imo Pitman, when he sold her a book in July, 1926. They began keeping company on February 20, 1927, were engaged August 31, 1929, and were married by J. Frank Hollingsworth at the bride's home at 12:14 P.M. on January 11, 1931.

Although he had preached one winter (1925) at Nelson Chapel near Tellsville, Tennessee, while a student at Johnson Bible College, and one summer at Memorial

Park Christian Church in Terre Haute, Indiana, (1924), and filled other pulpits for brief periods, his first regular pastorate was with the Thomson Church of Christ (Illinois) beginning October 4, 1929. He preached there until December 14, 1932, when he became the minister of the Windsor Christian Church (Illinois). Then, closing his ministry there on December 13, 1934, he moved to St. Elmo, Illinois, and preached there until November 18, 1936. He moved then to Emden, Illinois, where he was pastor of the Christian Church until August 30, 1939. He then moved to West Lebanon, Indiana, where he served the West Lebanon Christian Church and the Pence Church of Christ. During his ministry there have been at least 282 new members in churches he has served.

He is about five feet eight inches tall; has brown eyes, and brown hair. He weighs about 170 pounds. He loved bicycle riding and took many long trips by that means. He loved foreign language, history, English, science, etc., but mathematics was always a source of despair to him. He was repeatedly successful as a salesman. He was deeply interested in the science of chiropractic, although he never received college training in it. Beginning about 1937 or 1938, he became interested in genealogy as he filled out the family record in his son's, Leon's, baby book. He was later elected assistant historian for the descendants of James and Jane Langston of Granville County, North Carolina. He became a member of the Institute of American Genealogy and was made a fellow because of his activity in Langston research.

His wife, Ruth Imo Pitman, known as Imo, was born March 5, 1904, near Mahomet, Illinois, the daughter of Jacob B. Pitman and Emma Etta Collins Pitman. Some members of this family spell the name as Pittman. Mr. Pitman was born December 17, 1873, in Piatt County, Illinois, and Mrs. Pitman was born July 17, 1873, in Bement, Illinois. They were married September 23, 1895. They lived at times in Rantoul, Mansfield, Saybrook, and Urbana, Illinois. He was a telephone manager for many years and from about 1924 to the present, they have lived at 709 North Busey Avenue in Urbana. He is now engaged in contractor and carpenter work.

Imo graduated from Mansfield, Illinois, High School in 1922. She taught in country schools for nine years and was much beloved by her pupils. She attended the Normal University at Normal, Illinois. She is about five feet eight inches tall and weighs about 170 pounds. She has gray-blue eyes and dark brown hair.

The children of Carroll Spencer and Imo Pitman Langston are:

1. Helen Maxine -- born December 19, 1931, at the Burnham Hospital in Champaign, Illinois, at 12:48 A.M.
2. Arthur Leon -- born September 16, 1936, at the Christian Parsonage in St. Elmo, Illinois, at 6:26 A.M.

On March 2, 1942, Carroll Langston closed his ministry with the churches at West Lebanon and Covington, Indiana, and became the minister of the Williamsville, Illinois, Christian Church, moving to this town on the date given above.

2. Delphina Irena Langston, the daughter of Oscar Francis and Olive Myrtle Spencer Langston, was born April 5, 1907, three miles west of Knightstown, Indiana, on a farm known as "Weeks' Place." With her parents, she moved to Pekin, Illinois, in 1909, and attended school there. In 1923, she came to Urbana, Illinois, and went part way through the freshman year in high school there. She was baptized at the Webber Street Church of Christ in Urbana, Illinois, about March or April, 1923. She became a beauty operator and was very successful. On April 1, 1924, she married Everett Johnson. He was a watch repairer and jeweler by trade. After five years, they were divorced. Their children were:

- (1) Betty Lou - born May 2, 1925.
- (2) Vernalee - born January 8, 1927.

Her second marriage was to Walter Bongart, a prominent druggist in Champaign, Illinois. Their present address is 902 West William Street in Champaign.

II. "Mary H. Langston, the daughter of Henry and Keziah Snowden Langston, was born near Liberty, Union County, Indiana, June 24, 1837. She was united in marriage with Thomas B. Bratton October 13, 1862. To them were born two children, who with four brothers and two sisters are living to mourn her departure. On March 15, 1867, she was called to part from her beloved husband by the hand of death. Of our sister, it can truly be said she was a loving and faithful wife, a kind and tender mother, and a good neighbor.

She united in membership when about fifteen years old with the Baptist Church near her old home in Union County. About the year 1886, she united by letter with the M. E. church in Raysville.

Her illness of about two weeks was attended with much suffering which she bore with great patience and Christian resignation, and just as she was nearing the river's brink, on being asked if she was asleep, replied, 'Asleep in Jesus and am just ready to step over,' that everything was so bright. She was conscious to the last and peacefully and trustingly.

bade adieu to earthly things about 12 o'clock noon at her home in Raysville, Indiana, December 11, 1898."

The preceding facts are taken from the obituary. We have added Snowden, instead of saying Keziah Langston as it appeared in the obituary. Concerning Mary H. Langston Bratton, Mrs. Della Winters says, "She was tall and had dark eyes. She was a good woman, very good-natured and kind. Her husband was in the war. I remember she got a pension." The children were:

1. John -- unmarried.
2. Laura -- born July 25, 1863. She married Frank Harrison. Their residence was Raysville, Indiana, across the river from Knightstown, Indiana. To them was born:

(1) Herbert.

IV. Emmett Langston, the son of Henry and Kezia Snowden Langston, was born February 24, 1839, and died May 30, 1921. He married Alma Slack. He had blue eyes, was tall, and broad shouldered. He was in camp in the Civil War but never saw action. He was discharged because of rheumatism. He used to buy and sell used furniture. He never used profanity, alcohol or tobacco.

His wife was very religious. Mrs. Della Langston Winters says she was the best woman she ever saw and a real Christian. She said she "was a streak of sunshine wherever she went and a leader at church." She was a prayerful woman. They had two children:

1. Bertha -- unmarried. Was governess of an orphan's home near Knightstown, Indiana, for many years. Died about 1921. Buried "on the hill" at Raysville, Indiana. Born December 3, about 1861.
2. Mary Frances (Fannie) -- born March 18, 1867, or 1868, and died of gallstones in January, 1931. She married John R. Winters. He was born at Steubenville, Ohio, December 3, 1865, and died March 31, 1931. He was a railroader. Several years after her death, he married Mrs. Ada Adella (Della) Langston Leisure. Mary Frances is said to have graduated from the Knightstown, Indiana, High School. Born to John R. and Mary Frances Langston Winters were:

(1) Bertha -- born March 14, 1892, at Indianapolis, Indiana, and died there October 22, 1919. She was a member of the Christian Church. She married Leo Hackett on February 24, 1912, at Newcastle, Indiana. She had dark eyes and hair. There was one son:

(a) Robert -- born September 1, 1915. Lives in Indianapolis.

(2) Ruth -- born July 29, 1894, in Indianapolis, Indiana, and died about 1936. She was a member of the Christian Church. She married Wayne Steele. To them were born:

(a) Donald Wayne -- born March 16, 1914, at Newcastle, Indiana

(b) Mary Opal -- born October 18, 1916, at Newcastle, Indiana

(c) Martha Jane -- born May 29, 1920, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Wayne Steele lives at 830 North Gladstone Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

V. Ambrose Langston, the son of Henry and Kezia Snowden Langston, was born in Indiana on September 13, 1842, and died in Colorado on March 20, 1923. He married Barbara Miller on December 17, 1865. She was born November 1, 1844, and died April 26, 1916. Regarding his father, Ambrose Langston, Elmer Langston of Greeley, Colorado, says the following:

"He was five feet nine inches tall and weighed about 190 to 195 pounds -- not fat but just broad and heavily-built. He came west in 1870, leaving Indiana on his twenty-eighth birthday, September 13. He was dark complexioned with black hair and brown or hazel eyes, and was even-featured. Even to his death at eighty years, six months and thirteen days, he was always straight-shouldered and erect. He was a good-looking and kindly dispositioned man who was loved by all who knew him. I have often said that my father was the nearest devoid of fear of any man I ever knew. He was trained in the art of trailing during his service in the army about two years and was attached to the staff of General Hammond under General Thomas, both of whom he knew personally and loved as he would a father. This training stood him in good stead in the west in helping to run down horse thieves and cattle rustlers which he followed for many years until the wild frontier gave way to law and order. He was a member of the old and famed 'Vigilance Committee' which was sworn to uphold the law and was mainly responsible for stamping out terrorism and establishing courts in the west. I suppose his reason for coming west was mainly his love for adventure and the frontier, a trait handed down from the early Langstons. Although a large man, he was always quick in his movements and was known as a dead shot with a pistol. He was acquainted with Wild Bill when he was marshal of Abilene, Kansas. Father homesteaded nine miles north of Abilene. While he was in the same line of work -- that of establishing law and order -- he never liked Wild Bill. He said he had seen him kill several men needlessly

just for the ruthless love of killing. On one occasion some cowboys came to town and got drunk and got into a fight down along the railroad near some corn cribs. When the marshal was called, he, Wild Bill, ran down to the cribs and stepping behind one, he shot down seven without ever calling to them to surrender or telling who he was. They thought that the bullets were coming from the other outfit. Father and a man by the name of Garton had just returned from a place near the old Indian Territory with two horse thieves and some stolen horses for which they received a \$400 reward. It was the fourth of July the cowboys were celebrating. America has placed Wild Bill on a pedestal as a hero, but Father knew him as a red-handed murderer, always taking the advantage, and nearly always shooting from cover. If I should bring these facts out at this late date, wouldn't it bring a storm down around my ears? He also knew Buffalo Bill whom he considered far more honorable. While Father's name was not eulogized, yet he was just as much a part of the Old West that has now passed into history as those who are considered famous. He never used tobacco or liquor in any form, was clean in all his habits, slow to resent, quick to forgive an injury, yet always standing for the right. All these things I can truly say without boasting."

Ambrose Langston enlisted in Company D, 9th Indiana Cavalry in the summer of 1863 at the age of twenty-one and was married at the age of 23 on December 17, 1865, after the war. He took part in the capture of Vicksburg. He moved from Indiana to Smith County, Kansas, near Athol and Kensington. Smith Center was the county seat. In 1918 he moved to Colorado, where he died in 1923. Born to Ambrose and Barbara Miller Langston were:

1. Ella -- born September 24, 1866, died June, 1917.
2. LaUna -- born May 7, 1868.
3. Oliver -- born April 6, 1873, died April 3, 1922.
4. Venettie -- born November 9, 1874, died July 18, 1914.
5. Martha Alma -- born February 24, 1876, died February 1, 1936.
6. Elmer M. -- born June 11, 1883.

A. Ella Langston, the daughter of Ambrose and Barbara Miller Langston, was born September 24, 1866, and died in June, 1917. She married La Vert Johnson. To them was born:

1. Dora -- born April 1, 1886, six miles northwest of Abilene, Kansas. On February 17, 1906, she married Ralph Bricker. He was born two miles east of Abilene, Kansas, on March 13, 1883. They have one daughter:

- (1) Geneva -- born December 25, 1911. She married Ivan A. Odle at Topeka, Kansas, on June 6, 1930. She was born in Dickinson County, Kansas, April 3, 1907. They have two sons:

(a) Asa Arlen -- born June 12, 1933.

(b) Dion Lee -- born April 16, 1937.

B. La Una Langston, the daughter of Ambrose and Barbara Miller Langston, was born near Rushville, Indiana, on May 7, 1868. Some members of her family spell her name Launa. She married Albert Dilsaver on October 25, 1887. He was born at Garden Grove, Iowa, on October 9, 1864, and was killed by lightning on September 14, 1925. La Una now lives at 2560 West Dartmouth Street, Denver, Colorado. The children are:

1. Cora Olive -- born November 12, 1888, in Smith County, Kansas. She married Ross Covalt at Elwood, Indiana, on December 18, 1912. To them were born:

(1) Forest Donald -- born May 21, 1914. Was killed by a fast passenger train on July 7, 1933. Born at West Liberty, Indiana.

(2) Max Albert -- born May 12, 1920, at West Liberty, Indiana, and died July 25, 1925.

2. Lurlan Ella -- born July 13, 1891, in Aurora, Lawrence County, Missouri. Died June 19, 1892.

3. Alda Mae -- born May 2, 1893, in Aurora, Lawrence County, Missouri. She married Guy Archer McFillen on August 11, 1915, and separated on July 8, 1921. There were two children:

(1) Wayne Albert -- born and died May 16, 1920.

(2) Wauneta Marie -- born February 17, 1922. She married Eugene Johns on October 7, 1939. They have

(a) Janet Ruth -- born November 30, 1941.

On January 24, 1924, Alda Mae married Samuel A. Mundell, and they were separated May 20, 1933.

4. Twins were born December 23, 1895, but did not survive.

5. Palmer Chloe -- born August 2, 1897, in Madison County, Arkansas. He married Mary Lawler on July 17, 1921. They have two children:

(1) Leo Vincent -- born May 14, 1922, in Denver, Colo.

(2) Margaret Mary -- born December 4, 1924, in Denver, Colorado.

The family now lives at 9446 South Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

C. Thomas Oliver Langston, the son of Ambrose and Barbara Miller Langston, was born April 6, 1873, and died April 3, 1922. He married Mabel Kimball. Their children:

1. Percy -- born June 2, 1893. He lives at Smith Center, Kansas. He had three children:
 - (1) Iris -- married a Wenger.
 - (2) Arel
 - (3) Patsy
2. Elmer -- born May 17, 1897. He lives in Idaho and has four children.
3. Eva -- born January 9, 1899. She married Asa Paxton (deceased). Her present residence is Trenton, Nebraska. She has one son:
 - (1) Gerald.
4. Lola -- born March 5, 1912 (?). She lives in the same town in Idaho as Elmer. She is married but her husband's name is unknown.
5. Lorma -- born April 10, 1917. She lives in the same town as Elmer. She, too, is married, but her husband's name is unknown.
6. Loren -- born April 10, 1917. He is Lorma's twin. He married, but was killed in a power house, and left no descendants.

Thomas Oliver Langston was born at Abilene, Dickinson County, Kansas, and died near Palisade, Nebraska.

D. Amy Venetta (Venettie) Langston, the daughter of Ambrose and Barbara Miller Langston, was born November 9, 1874, and died July 18, 1914. She married Charles Kimball. Their children:

1. Orville -- Lives at Yuma, Colorado, and has five children.
2. Lilah -- married a Schamber. Present location or number of children unknown.
3. Veva -- married a Hodkinson. They lived at Goodland, Kansas,

By a second marriage, Amy Venetta had:

1. Milo Smith -- lives in Franklin, Nebraska.

E. Martha Alma, the daughter of Ambrose and Barbara Miller Langston, was born February 24, 1876, in Dickinson County, Kansas, and died in Reamsville, Smith County, Kansas, on February 1, 1936. On August 21, 1895, she married Dr. James A. McCammon. He died May 18, 1918. There were two children:

1. Bernice Launa -- born May 21, 1896. She married Floy Grover in June, 1914. They live in Colby, Kansas.
2. Richard Conrad -- born November 6, 1897. He married Ila Faulkenberg. They live in Smith Center, Kansas. They have

(1) Richard Caldene -- born September 27, 1922.

By a second marriage, Martha Alma became the wife of J. S. Gregg. She was postmistress for sixteen years preceding her death. Her second marriage took place on January 1, 1921.

F. Elmer Langston, the son of Ambrose and Barbara Miller Langston, was born June 11, 1883. He has given the writer much valuable aid in assembling material for this record. His first wife was Donna May Nyburg. They had:

1. Opal Virginia -- married a Mundell and now lives at Grand Junction, Colorado. She has:

- (1) Donna May
- (2) Lee
- (3) Donald

Elmer's second wife was Flossie Mundell. They had the following children:

1. (First child was born dead).

2. Vincent -- married Lydia Bernhardt. They had:

- (1) Joyce
- (2) Twin girls (deceased).

3. Reifa -- born December 10, 1910. Married Garlow Bryant. Their children:

- (1) Alline -- born December 5, 1929, died when eight years old.
- (2) Donald
- (3)

Reifa was divorced and married Nathaniel Metcalf.
There are no children born to this union.

4. Velma -- born June 11, 1912. She married Ed Wingstrom.
They had:

- (1) Jean
- (2) Barbara

5. Reed Corwin -- born December 7, 1913. He lives at
Loveland, Colorado. He married Vera Miller. They have:

- (1) Corwin Lee -- born December, 1940.

6. Elden Miller -- married Viola Clark. They had:

- (1) A son who died soon after birth.
- (2) Elden Lowell

7. Elva Marie -- born July 6, 1916, died November 26, 1929.

8. Ambrose Clare -- born June 24, 1918. Married Elsie
Stair.

9. Beulah Jessie -- born October 16, 1919. Married
Raymond Kercher.

10. Erling Morris -- born April 26, 1921, died at age of
four months.

11. Maxine Gloria -- born July 22, 1922. Married Ben
Herder. They have:

- (1) Larry
- (2) A daughter, name not given.

12. Lowell Irwin -- born February 28, 1925.

13. Myrna Loraine -- died at age of four.

VI. John Quincy Langston, the son of Henry and Kezia Snowden Langston, was born March 13, 1845, and died on September 1, 1920, when the car which he was driving was struck by an interurban car. He married Mariah Leisure. The writer remembers a visit in his home in Elwood, Indiana, in the summer of 1918. It was through him that we first heard of the original three Langston brothers who came to this country. He said they came from Scotland. He also said that one branch of our family migrated to New York, another to Indiana, and another to Texas. We have never yet been able to verify the statement concerning New York. We know of many Langstons in Texas, but we do not yet know enough to substantiate his statement concerning a branch in that state.

We know the Indiana statement is true. We remember John Q. as a rather tall man, and recall his kindness in trying to tell of the early history of the family. Being only fifteen years old at the time, the questions asked were not as pointed as they could have been had the writer been older. How much valuable material has been forever lost! John Q. enrolled as a private in Company D, Ninth Cavalry Regiment of Indiana Volunteers at Liberty, Indiana, on December 20, 1863. He was mustered in at Indianapolis on January 16, 1864. He was mustered out at Vicksburg, Mississippi, on August 23, 1865. He served in the Army of the Cumberland under General George H. Thomas and went through all the Hood campaign at Nashville, Tennessee. To John Q. and Mariah Leisure Langston were born:

1. George Alvadore (Dory) -- born March 15, 1871, died October 9, 1909.
2. Infant daughter -- born dead May 25, 1875.
3. Myrtle Pearl -- born May 12, -- , died April 12, 1896.
4. Lucinda Jane (Lula) -- born July 18, 1881.
5. Verna Maud -- born January 3, 1884.
6. William Orville -- born March 22, 1886, died December 8, 1938.

John Q. Langston and all his family were members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Della Winters says of him, "He was tall and had dark eyes. He belonged to the Christian Church. He didn't drink or use tobacco. He was good-hearted and a hard-working man. He was good to everyone that was in need. He and Aunt Mariah were so good to me when I was a widow and lived in Elwood. I never heard him use profanity. Orville, his son, was tall. They all are."

John's daughter, Lula, says he was always glad to feed people and that no one was ever turned from his door. He and his wife came from Rush County, Indiana, in a big farm wagon when first married. Everything was in woods. He helped make the old "corduroy" roads. She goes on to say, "He cleared more land, dug more wells, and did more ditching than any other one man. Every time new settlers would come, they would hunt Father up for help and advice. He loved company. He had his trials and troubles. He was burned out three times and had to start over, but he never gave up. He was always striving to gain back his losses in an honorable way. He was always happy and a very lovely father to his children. He was just one of those old pioneers that served his country in every way he could for the betterment of mankind, and for the generations that were to follow. He left an example for his children to follow which they never forgot. Loyalty to wife, family, and home was his motto."

Descendants of John Q. and Mariah Leisure Langston

1. Myrtle Pearl Langston, the daughter of John Q. and Mariah Leisure Langston, was born May 12, --, and died April 12, 1896. She married David Leachman.
2. Lucinda Jane (Lula) Langston, the daughter of John Q. and Mariah Leisure Langston, was born July 18, 1881. She married Ross Armstrong on January 14, 1899. Their residence in 1942 is Route 3, Elwood, Indiana. To them were born:
 - (1) Paul Revere -- born March 31, 1900. He married Mary Louise Allen on July 16, 1927. They have one adopted daughter:
 - (a) Rebecca Ellen -- born October 21, 1939.
 - (2) Beharold -- born May 15, 1903. He married Eloise Wilson on August 16, 1930. They have two daughters:
 - (a) Gayle Bee -- born June 6, 1937.
 - (b) Joy Bee -- born May 5, 1942.
 - (3) Orville -- born December 16, 1910. He married Valvatta Krause on May 21, 1932. They have two sons:
 - (a) Robert R. -- born December 21, 1934.
 - (b) Richard K. -- born July 25, 1937.
3. Verna Maud Langston, the daughter of John Q. and Mariah Leisure Langston, was born January 3, 1884. She married George Croy on October 20, 1906. Their children:
 - (1) Mariah Faye -- born January 9, 1908. She married Harry Roby on February 18, 1925. They have three sons:
 - (a) Paul L. -- born November 12, 1926.
 - (b) Ray G. -- born March 26, 1936.
 - (c) Roy M. -- born March 26, 1936.
 - (2) King -- born February 5, 1917, died February 29, 1932.

4. William Orville Langston, the son of John Q. and Mariah Leisure Langston, was born March 22, 1886, and died December 8, 1938. He was married, but there were no children. His wife's name was Norene Clement and they were married October 13, 1930.

Some of the addresses of this family are as follows:

1. Mrs. George Croy -- Route 1, Alexandria, Indiana.
2. Paul Armstrong -- Route 1, Bloomington, Indiana.
He is a teacher in high school, also a music teacher.
3. Beharold Armstrong, known as B. H. Armstrong, 2540 Auburn Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. He is principal of the Colonel White High School.
4. Orville Armstrong, Lapel, Indiana. He is a basketball coach.

VII. Roxanna Langston, the daughter of Henry and Keziah Snowden Langston, was born August 14, 1846, and died in 1930 at Elwood, Indiana. She was known in the family as "Aunt Rock." The writer recalls seeing her one time when he was about five years old. Mrs. Dellainters says concerning her, "Yes, I remember Aunt Rock. I think everyone did that ever saw her. She was as smart as could be. She was a good singer and composed poetry up until she died. She had lots of temper. She liked all kinds of pets. She had a good husband. She was tall and I think had dark eyes, too. At one time she went to the Methodist Church, I think. She lived at Ogden just east of Raysville, Indiana, for many years, and then moved to Elwood, Indiana, long after Uncle Will died. They used to drive down to our house when we lived at Rushville when John Leisure was living. We would fill their spring wagon full of garden things. Her husband was such a good man. He made Carrie and Chase (Sauers) a wagon. He was a wagon-maker by trade, but could do anything."

Roxanna married William J. Bentley. An obituary printed at the time of his death says, "William J., only son of John and Mary Bently, was born in Augusta, Marion County, July 27, 1850, departed this life, which had been filled with noble, generous deeds, April 11, 1897; at the age of 46 years, 8 months, and 14 days. He was united in marriage to Anna E. Langston October 28, 1875. Their marriage was blest with one child, a son, who, with his mother mourn the loss of an indulgent parent and loving husband. He has one sister, a father and mother, who are also deprived of a kind brother and son. He has been a resident of Ogden for many years and during his residence here, he has made many warm staunch friends, who, with the family, mourn the loss of a good friend, neighbor and citizen."

"He led a sincere Christian life and has been a faithful member of the Christian church for 4 years. Although the wife and son with many relatives and neighbors mourn the loss of him who was ever willing to lend a helping hand to the suffering and uplift the fallen, we have the assurance from his daily walk that the gates of light swung open wide and received him into the realms of endless joy and peace from this world of sin and sorrow, from which we all must soon depart, and if from his life we take an example, we will meet again in that home made sure by holy love; for we have these words to comfort us left by Him who paid the debt of our sins: 'Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you,' and He has also promised to come again and take us unto Himself, that we may remain with Him throughout eternity."

Roxanna E. and William J. Bentley had one son:

1. Alva.

VIII. Anna Caroline Langston, the daughter of Henry and Kezia Snowden Langston, was born May 30, 1849, and died February 17, 1911. Regarding her, Mrs. Della Winters says, "Now Aunt Carrie was never married and was a very proud old maid, but nice. She stayed down at the home and helped in the dining room. She had her stroke there and died in Raysville, Indiana, in a house your folks (the writer's parents) lived in. She had a sore come on her heel, and the stroke and all killed her. She lies at little Blue River cemetery where my father and mother are. ... Aunt Carrie was a good singer and a good entertainer." The writer, Carroll Langston, recalls her delight in teasing him when he was only about three years old.

• Descendants of Isaiah Langston, the
Son of Bennett and Mary Brown Langston

Isaiah Langston, the son of Bennett and Mary Brown Langston, was born in Union County, Indiana, on August 21, 1809, and died at Greenwood, Indiana, on September 28, 1884. His first wife was Hettie (or Hattie) Miller. To this union were born:

1. George W. -- died April 7, 1862, the second day of the battle of Pittsburg Landing.

2. Theodore -- married Millie _____. He died at Lincoln, Nebraska. They had:

- (1) Johnson
- (2) Clay

3. Hazael -- born February 9, 1838, died July 27, 1914.

4. Mary Ann Small -- had

- (1) Stephen
- (2) Belle
- (3) Alice
- (4) John
- (5) Alfred
- (6) Ada

Since we have considerable data on Hazael Langston, we will present it at this point.

Interesting Facts Concerning Hazael Langston, the
Son of Isaiah and Hettie (or Hattie)
Miller Langston

Hazael Langston, the son of Isaiah and Hettie Miller Langston, was born February 9, 1838, in Ripley County, Indiana, and died July 27, 1914. On November 2, 1870, he married Maggie M. Boyer of Flora, Illinois. She died one year later. His second marriage was to Emily (or Emma) Angell of Carpentersville, Indiana, on April 2, 1874. She died December 1, 1926. He was a member of the Christian Church and a Republican. His parents left Union County, Indiana, when he was twelve years old and went to Fayette County. In 1859, they moved to Johnson County where he enlisted at Franklin in 1861 for service in the Civil War. He enlisted in Company D, 17th Indiana Volunteers under Captain Allison. He was mustered in at Indianapolis by Colonel (acting general) Haskel. His war life was full of activity. He was one of the fifty sharpshooters of the brigade and was mostly engaged in skirmishing. He took part at Greenbrier River. At Elk River he was taken ill and his life was despaired of, but he rallied after two months and was able to resume his position. He was one of the braves who fought General Bragg at Stone River. Then, mounting horses, his brigade scoured the country with Spencer rifles. They drew hatchets and were known as Wilder's Hatchet Brigade. The Southern forces called them "Wilder's Hellians." They said they wound up their guns on Sunday and shot them all the week.

At Hoover's Gap, his brigade took the picked position of the Confederates and held their ground against fifteen thousand of the enemy. He took part at Chickamauga and Chattanooga and aided in defeating General Bragg's rear guard at Ringgold. His brigade made a raid fifteen miles beyond Murphy into North Carolina, then to Charleston and Calhoun, which they guarded three weeks, being on duty every other day in the severest kind of weather.

At the expiration of three years' service, he returned to Indianapolis and "veteraned" for three years more in the same company and regiment. During the remaining time of the war, his time was well occupied. He was at Atlanta when Sherman divided the forces. He accompanied Thomas against Hood. He took part in forty-nine engagements, many of them severe. At Jarpin Creek, he was wounded, the ball passing through the left leg between the tibia and fibula. He was captured and taken to Cahobba prison, Alabama, where he was kept four weeks. From there, he was taken to Macon, Georgia, and then to Andersonville. He was captured October 7, 1864, and exchanged April 20, 1865, when he returned to Bainbridge, his home.

After the war, he attended school at Flora, Illinois, for six months. He was a travelling agent for three years and a photographer two years. At Bellemore, Parke County, Indiana, he entered the pump manufacture business. He developed a common sense cylinder pump with a very superior jaw and was a successful business man.

No mention is made of any descendants.

Much of the preceding data came from the "Parke and Vigo County History," page 222, published in 1880. Hazael and his wife are buried in the Soldiers' Home Cemetery at Lafayette, Indiana.

Descendants of Isaiah Langston (Continued)

The second wife of Isaiah Langston was Amy Thackeray. There were five children, but all are dead.

The third wife was Sarah Celina Lawton. She was born December 15, 1824, and died at Whiteland, Indiana, December 5, 1881. They had:

1. Rosetta -- died in infancy
2. Byron -- died young
3. Charley -- died young
4. Nettie -- born December 16, 1848, died November 13, 1909.

5. Amanda -- born September 15, 1851, died April 3, 1920.
6. Emma L. -- born November 8, 1858, died January 21, 1938.
7. William Emery -- born February 7, 1861.
8. Effie M. -- born May 9, 1863, died December 27, 1940.
9. Louella -- born March, 1866, died December, 1866.

Descendants of Isaiah and Sarah
Celina Lawton Langston

- I. Nettie Langston, the daughter of Isaiah and Sarah Celina Lawton Langston, was born December 16, 1848, and died at Greenwood, Indiana, on November 13, 1909. In December, 1873, she married Joseph B. Varner. There were no children.
- II. Amanda Langston, the daughter of Isaiah and Sarah Celina Lawton Langston, was born September 15, 1851, and died April 3, 1920. On October 11, 1876, she married George T. Fisher. Their children:
 1. Charles T. -- born October 9, 1878. He married Angie Harmon on January 20, 1901. They had:
 - (1) Beryl Harmon
 2. Edward Roscoe -- born January 18, 1882, died May 16, 1882.
 3. Zaida A. -- born January 23, 1885, died November 20, 1907.
 4. Nora Ethel -- born November 16, 1887, married Earl Smith on May 23, 1907. They had:
 - (1) William Earl -- born December 9, 1908, died February 13, 1920.
 - (2) Mabel Louise -- born January 4, 1911, died May 22, 1911.
 - (3) Herbert Wesley -- born July 28, 1912. He married Freda M. Jones on July 24, 1937. They had:
 - (a) Peggy Ann -- born January 4, 1939.
 - (4) Floyd Thomas -- born December 30, 1916. On October 16, 1937, he married Rosemary L. Frederick. They had:
 - (a) Rosalie Louise Smith -- born February 12, 1939.

5. Frank Leslie, born November 24, 1892, married Rachel Harmon July 8, 1914. Their children:

(1) Frank Harmon -- born December 11, 1914

(2) Ralph Bernard -- born November 19, 1916. Married Freda Hood, October 15, 1938.

(3) Robert Lee -- born February 12, 1920, died in infancy.

(4) Richard Lewis -- born August 3, 1922.

6. Floyd Raymond -- born November 24, 1892. On February 14, 1923, he married Elizabeth Parker. Their children:

(1) Floyd Raymond, Jr. -- born December 28, 1923

(2) Parker Langston -- born October 19, 1926; died July 5, 1931

III. Emma L. Langston, the daughter of Isaiah and Sarah Celina Lawton Langston, was born November 8, 1858, and died January 21, 1938. She married John W. Devore on May 25, 1883. To this union were born:

1. Alva -- born April 15, 1885, died --. He married Emma Farrell. To this union were born:

(1) Edna -- married and has several children.

(2) Lillian -- married Sgt. Granville Lewis. They had three children.

(3) Robert

2. Leroy -- born September 26, 1887. He married Edith Grove Speas on December 20, 1911. To this union were born:

(1) Verna Mae -- born May 30, 1914.

(2) Russell Leroy -- born September 13, 1921.

3. Amber -- born January 29, 1889. She married Norris Beasley on January 27, 1915. They had:

(1) Edward -- born August 7, 1915. He married Lois Massey on October 20, 1938.

(2) Martha -- born April 22, 1917.

(3) Ray -- born June 11, 1929

(4) Lloyd -- born June 11, 1929.

4. Lelah -- born January 27, 1891, died October 29, 1920.

5. William Emery Devore, born Dec. 17, 1893, married Alma Lawrence on Aug. 3, 1915. She died October 25, 1918. To them were born:

(1) Cloris Maxine, born August 23, 1916. She married Harold Whitaker. To this union were born:

- (a) Lawrence Eugene; born June 21, 1935
- (b) Karon Yvonne; born September 21, 1937
- (c) Donna Gale; born April 30, 1939.

William Emery Devore's second wife was Marie Luster whom he married in October 1919. They are now divorced. To them was born:

(1) William E.; born 1920.

William Emery Devore (Sr) married Ruth Keith in March 1923. To this union were born:

- (1) Robert Emery; born Feb. 25, 1924
- (2) Mary Ann; born July 21, 1928

Robert Emery Devore in 1942 is in the U. S. Naval Submarine Service. He was injured when his submarine was rammed and sunk, but will return to service soon.

6. Earl Devore -- born July 22, 1897, died March 5, 1931. He married Lillian Mae Francis on May 22, 1921, on her birthday. To them were born:

- 1. Gloria Eileen; born May 11, 1922
- 2. Neal Francis; born Nov. 22, 1923
- 3. Earl Frederick; born July 1, 1926.

Gloria Eileen married Rallyn Jeffries on August 7, 1942.

IV. William Emery Langston

IV. William Emery Langston, the son of Isaiah and Sarah Celina Lawton Langston, was born February 7, 1861. He married Sophia Derson in August, 1882. To this union were born:

1. Cecile -- born July 3, 1889. She married Fred Vogt on November 24, 1910. To them were born:

(1) Herbert -- born February 28, 1915.

(2) Marguerite -- born December 2, 1916.

2. Herbert -- born July 16, 1892, died February 10, 1904.

V. Effie M. Langston, the daughter of Isaiah and Sarah Celina Lawton Langston, was born May 9, 1863, and died December 27, 1940. On September 24, 1889, she married Samuel Billingsley. He died April 8, 1939. They were members of the Christian Church. Mrs. Billingsley kindly furnished much of the data concerning the descendants of her father, Isaiah Langston. We are not sure, but we think she died at Greenwood, Indiana. She was the last living child of her father. We regret that we failed to learn more from her concerning her father, but we were new in the study of genealogy at that time and we overlooked this important bit of information. To the Billingsleys were born:

1. Bynum Langston -- born July 11, 1890. He married Laura Ethel Green on June 3, 1914. To this union were born:

(1) Laura Esther -- born February 7, 1917.

(2) James Bynum -- born April 12, 1921.

(3) Henry Green -- born February 17, 1924, died October 21, 1932.

2. Mabel Octavia -- born October 17, 1892. She married Myrl W. Myers on January 1, 1914. (Divorced). To this union was born:

(1) Mildred Muriel -- born November 23, 1916. She married J. D. Matthews March 22, 1936.

3. Ruby Augusta -- born August 2, 1897. She married Ralph W. Sheek on September 24, 1917. Their children:

(1) Richard Norman (adopted) -- born June 26, 1927.

(2) Dorothy Jeannette -- born December 5, 1929.

(3) Philip Langston -- born November 22, 1932.

4. Mary Jeanette -- born January 20, 1900. She married F. Lee DeBusk on May 17, 1924.

Mrs. Mabel Myers lives at Martinsville, Indiana. Mrs. Ruby Sheek lives at Franklin, Indiana.

Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston

Hiram Bennett Langston, the son of Bennett and Mary Brown Langston, was born August 29, 1813, in Union County, Indiana, and died at Connersville, Indiana, on June 17, 1888. He married Hannah Day on January 1, 1832. She was born May 25, 1810 and died January 25, 1871. Regarding him, his niece, Mrs. Della Winters, says, "I remember Hiram Langston and his wife. They lived in Connersville, Indiana, and died there. I was quite young but remember how they looked and just a few things about them. He was stocky-built and tall enough. I think he had dark eyes. He had very heavy eyebrows and was stern-looking. She was tall and dark and a good woman. I think they were Baptists but am not sure. I don't know his occupation. He was old when I saw him and wasn't working. His hair was gray when I saw him, and hers was dark and gray with it. I don't know whether he was in the war or not."

Descendants of the Children of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston

- I. Eliza Jane Langston, the daughter of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston, was born December 10, 1832, and died in Grant County, Indiana. She married a Mr. Grant. To them were born six children whose names are now unknown.
- II. Sylvester Langston, the son of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston, was born October 6, 1834, and was killed during the Battle of the Wilderness (May 5-7, 1864) during the Civil War. He had one daughter:
 1. Emma Langston. She married Frank Pharney of Iowa. She is now dead.
- III. Lewis Langston, the son of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston, was born October 27, 1836, and died July 18, 1911. He was unmarried. He served in the Civil War in the 36th Indiana Volunteers.
- IV. Edgehill Langston, the son of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston, was born September 6, 1838, and died March 2, 1911. He had one son:
 1. John, died March, 1931. He lived at Seymour, Indiana, and was unmarried.

V. Emaline Langston, the daughter of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston, was born September 7, 1840, and died January 13, 1897. She married a Mr. Crawford. They lived in Grant County, Indiana. There were no children.

VI. Sarah Ann Langston, the daughter of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston, was born August 17, 1843, and died August 20, 1889. She married David Rigor on January 1, 1872. They had five children:

1. Charles -- born July 11, 1876, died October 31, 1932. He married Bessie Jerman on June 3, 1896. She was born June 21, 1877. Their child:

(1) Ruby -- born June, 1897. She married Francis Schrank on September 21, 1917. He was born January 6, 1893. They have:

(a) Norma Jean -- born November 24, 1918.

(2) Mildred -- born July 7, 1902. Died in infancy.

(3) Dorothy -- born March 24, 1904.

(4) Wilbur -- born August 24, 1906. He married Irene Spacy on September 12, 1932. She was born November 4, 1905.

VII. Leander Langston, the son of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston, was born April 1, 1846, and died April 1, 1921, at Muncie, Indiana. He served in the Civil War. He married Alice Blue. They had:

1. Rosalie Carlew, Indianapolis, Indiana.
LEANDER'S SECOND WIFE WAS BESSIE CAMPBELL.

VIII. Henrietta Langston, the daughter of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston, was born December 24, 1849, and died May 12, 1896. She married John W. Coe on March 19, 1872. To them were born:

1. Carrie -- born May 1, 1873. She married Joseph Klipple on September 2, 1896. He was born July 6, 1863. They have:

(1) Bessie -- born June 7, 1911.

2. Annabelle -- born February 9, 1875, died November 11, 1891. She became an adopted daughter of Hiram Bennett Langston.

IX. Henry Langston, the son of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston, was born April 4, 1852, and died January 27, 1922. He married Fannie Clark on May 4, 1873. She was born January 18, 1857, and died November 14, 1917. Their children:

1. Minnie Ella -- born November 20, 1874. She married Jesse W. Harlan on December 24, 1891. He was born December 26, 1871.
2. John -- born September 26, 1889. He married Alta Callahan on July 20, 1912. She was born July 22, 1892. Their children:
 - (1) Elsie May -- born June 4, 1913. She married Jerald Tinkle on September 30, 1939. He was born August 11, 1911.
 - (2) Doris Earl -- born September 21, 1915. He married Alice Elizabeth Finch on April 2, 1940. She was born March 26, 1918.
 - (3) THOMAS HENRY - BORN JULY 4, 1919
3. (号) Frank -- born October 11, 1895, died September 19, 1938. He married Bessie Showalter on August 17, 1919.

X. John Langston, the son of Hiram Bennett and Hannah Day Langston, was born March 13, 1860, and died in infancy.

Descendants of Henrietta Langston,
the Daughter of Bennett
and Mary Brown Langston

Henrietta Langston, the daughter of Bennett and Mary Brown Langston, was born October 10, 1820, and died February 24, 1883. She married Archibald M. Kennedy on May 10, 1841. Regarding her, Mrs. Della Winters says, "Henrietta married a Kennedy -- Archibald Kennedy. You have Emmett's picture I sent you. He was her son. He was up in the 90's when he died at Rushville. They lived near Rushville, Indiana, when I was a little girl and I remember being at their place. They (Henrietta and her husband) were quite well-to-do and I thought their house was so big. She was short and real heavy, but don't know what color of eyes. I think they were blue. She was a fine woman. I think she belonged to the Christian Church." Information concerning her descendants is very limited, but we pass on such as we have. She had one known son:

1. Emmett Loren -- born July 5, 1846, died December 13, 1938. He was a pioneer bridge builder, having built about fifty covered bridges, many of which are still in use. His known children are:

1. ~~Emily -- born May 28, 1850, died at age of 87.~~
2. Mrs. C. H. Tompkins, Pasadena, California.
3. Mrs. Harry McMillin, Ging, Indiana
4. Leonidas L. -- Rushville, Indiana.
5. Charles B. -- Mays, Indiana.
6. Carl A. -- Shelbyville, Indiana.
7. John W. -- Batesville, Indiana.

Emmett in 1938 had ten grandchildren.

- I. Emily Kennedy, the ^{sister} ~~daughter~~ of Emmett Loren Kennedy, was born May 28, 1850, and died four miles northeast of Rushville, Indiana, at the age of eighty-seven. She was born in Alpine, Fayette County, Indiana. She came to Rush County as a small child and lived there all of her life. She married Joseph F. Coleman in 1869, but was early left a widow with five children. Her surviving children are:

1. Mrs. Vernon F. Marsters, Rushville, Indiana.
2. Mrs. T. J. Williamson, Indianapolis, Indiana.
3. Mrs. F. S. Crockett, Lafayette, Indiana.
4. Thomas A. Coleman, Lafayette, Indiana. (Member of Purdue University faculty).
5. Dr. W. S. Coleman, Carthage, Indiana.

Two grandsons are known:

1. Thomas C. Williamson, Wilmington, Delaware.
2. Joseph W. Williamson, New York City.

